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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4877

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SUBJ: PAKISTANI DRAFT RESES ON SOUTH ASIA NUCLEAR WEAPON
FREE ZONE PROPOSAL AND SECURITY ASSURANCES

REF: USUN 4770

1. PAKISTANI REQUEST, AMB MARTIN MET NOV 8 WITH SEC OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SHAHI. SHAHI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
OUR CRITERIA ON NFZ'S AND EXPLAINED THAT LATEST REVISION OF
THE PAK DRAFT RES (REFTEL) WAS DESIGNED TO MAKE IT MORE
ATTRACTIVE TO INDIA. ON ADVICE FROM SRI LANKA, THEY HAD
DROPPED PARA DECLARATING REGION AN NFZ IN FAVOR OF MERELY
ENDORISING THE CONCEPT AND CALLING FOR CONSULTATION AMONG
STATES IN THE REGION. SHAHI VIEWED THE RECENT DRAFT WHICH
INDIA HAD SURFACED AS COMPLETELY NEGATIVE AND SAID THAT IF
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INDIA REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE REVISED PAKISAINI DRAFT, PAKISTAN

WAS CONSIDERING PUTTING IN A MUCH STRONGER ONE INSTEAD. IT COULD NOT SIMPLY DO NOTHING SINCE THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE FOR PAKISTAN WAS TO HOLD INDIA TO ITS COMMITMENT NO TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. MARTIN SAID WE BELIEVED THE REVISED PAKISTANI DRAFT HAD MOVED A LONG WAY TOWARD ACCEPTABILITY FOR US. HE QUERIED SHAHI ABOUT ATTITUDES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. SHAHI SAID THAT APART FROM BANGLADESH, COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WERE SYMPATHETIC. NEPAL WOULD SUPPORTAN THEY HOPED SRI LANKA WOULD, AND WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY AFGHANISTAN'S HELPFUL STATMENT IN FIRST COMMITTEE. SHAHI SAID SOVS HAD FOUND NEW DRAFT A GREAT IMPROVEMENT BUT WOULD STILL PROBABLY WANT BETTER LANGUAGE ABOUT VERIFICATION.

3. MARTIN PROBED SHAHI ON ANY OTHER PAK UN INITIATIVES, AND SHHI EVIDENTLY DECIDED HE MIGHT AS WELL LET US SEE A SECURITY ASSURANCES RES (TEXT APPENDED) WHICH HE SAID THEY HAD SHOWN SO FAR ONLY TO CHINA. (IT WAS GIVEN BY THE PAKS TO THE UK AS WELL AS SOON AS OUR DISCUSSION ENDED.) SHAHI SAID HE HOPED RES WOULD NOT CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US SINCE IT IS A MERE GENERAL STATEMENT OF DESIRE, AN "EXPRESSION OF OPINION" WITHOUT A TIME LIMIT ON THE ACTION RECOMMENDED. MARTIN SAID IT WAS VERY DOUBTFUL US COULD SUPPORT RES ON THIS KIND IN VIEW OF THE MANY IMPODERABLES IN TAKING ON A NON-USE COMMITMENT COVERING THE ENTIRE WORLD. HE ALSO MENTIONED POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN PREAMBULER REFERENCE TO NEED FOR REAPPRAISAL OF UNSC RES 255. SHAHI URGED US TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM NEVERTHELESS AND HEOP FIND A FORMULA FOR COMMITTING NUCLEAR POWERS NOT TO THREATEN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. AMB NAIK (PAKISTAN) LATER TLD US DELOFF PAKS WOULD TRY TO REVISE TEXT OVER WEEKEND.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RECOGNIZING THAT THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NEED
TO BE SAFEGUARDED AGAINST THE USE OR THREAT OF USE OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS;
CONSIDERING THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
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COMMUNITY TO DEVISE MEASURES TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF
NON NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES;
NOTING THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON
STATES IN REGARD TO THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE SECURITY
MEASURES;
REALIZING THAT IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO CALL
FOR AREAPPRIASAL OF THE SECURITY ASSURANCES EXTENDED
TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 255(1968) WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING
THEM:

1. DECLARES ITS FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE,
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON
STATES AGAINST A NUCLEAR ATTACK OR THREAT;
2. RECOMMENDS TO MEMBER STATES TO PURSUE WITHOUT LOSS
OF TIME THE QUESTION OF STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING SECURITY
ASSURANCES WITH A VIEW TO MAKING THEM EFFECTIVE;
3. CALLS UPON ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO GIVE A
SOLEMN UNDERTAKING IN THE NATURE OF AN OBLIGATION NOT TO
USE OF THREATEN TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST ANY NON-
NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

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